



SOLD!—The action was fast at the Spurlock-McElroy Beefmaster Sale as auctioneer Gerald Bowie and sale manager Fred Thompson dispersed the offering throughout the South and West. (Staff photo by Lee Pitts)

Prof says breed for two, but feed enough for one

Leaving a pregnant mare more alone is probably the best thing a horse owner can do for her, according to William Tyznik, professor of animal science at Ohio State University.

People get very excited when a mare is in foal, he says, and "when they do this, they start feeding for two immediately. Unfortunately, too often they end up feeding for four and the mare gains excessive amounts of weight."

Additional problems occur when horse owners quarter the mare in her stall so she doesn't get injured. "This is also a folly," Tyznik points out. "The mare wants to be out. She needs to walk to keep physically fit."

A mare that jiggles when she walks is not in good shape. The fitter she gets, the more active she becomes, and the more active she is, the fitter she becomes, he says.

He suggests feeding the mare the way she has been fed all along. Give her good hay, and if this is not available, supplement hay with grain to make up the difference.

"The condition of the mare is the best gauge," Tyznik says. "If her ribs are covered, the rest of it really doesn't matter too much."

Another common misconception of horse owners is that the vitamin supplements are necessary for a pregnant

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COMMON SENSE—Senator John D. Molcher, Mont., recently told Montana stockgrowers he hopes "wilderness" proposals "can be resolved on a common sense level." He thinks "it's too early to accurately assess wilderness' and environmental policies of the new administration," and warned ranchers "it will take more than budget cuts to get the economy back on the ball again."

Scientist's finding: Sheep grazing on fescue suffer delayed conception

Sheep grazing on tall fescue pastures take longer to conceive than those grazing on orchardgrass pastures, says Paul Lynch, an animal scientist with USDA's Science and Education Administration. In tests at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in Maryland, ewes eating tall fescue took two to three times longer to conceive than those eating orchardgrass.

Delayed conception extends the lambing season and is costly to sheep breeders. A long lambing season increases the need for farm labor. In addition, lambs may be born during the summer when heat and parasitic infections decrease the feed efficiency of lambs. Also, delayed lambing interferes with producers' chances of having three lamb crops in two years.

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more, Vitamin A is the one most likely to be deficient. But most mares are on grass during the summer and store enough vitamin A in the liver to last six months. This carries her right on up to spring when the grass is fresh out, Tyznik points out.

In the Boltsville experiments Lynch, Jamea Bond

and their coworkers divided 36 crossbred ewes into six groups and placed them in half-hectare (1/2 acre) pastures from June to November. All pastures contained pure stands of fescue; two contained an experimental variety of tall fescue; two contained KY-31, a commonly grown tall fescue; and two contained orchardgrass.

Ewes were hosed by rams placed in the pastures and the rams were periodically rotated from one group of ewes to another.

In November, the ewes were moved into drylots and fed a half pound of grain per day each, plus all the hay they would eat. Hay was made from the pastures in which the ewes had been grazing. The type of pasture and hay did not affect the weight gains of the ewes.

Delayed conception time was the only difference among sheep from fescue pastures. Ewes did not exhibit changes in eating behavior, nor did they show symptoms of fescue toxicity. (Cattle grazing on adjacent plots exhibited signs of summer syndrome.) There were also no significant differences in gestation length, average number of lambs, weight of lambs at birth, or lamb survival to 60 days of age.

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Comments

In the June issue of Livestock Magazine we carried some figures in the Livestock Monthly Index showing that as of Jan. 1, U.S. beef cow numbers provided the first solid evidence of herd expansion, rising 5% to 39 million head. The total cattle inventory reached 115 million, up 3% from a year ago though well below 1975's peak of 132 million.

Some in the industry believe we'll see another liquidation of cow numbers during the next year and a half. But one livestock leader, Jim Suckla, retiring president of the Colorado Cattlemen's Assn., told the CCA convention in Durango that this was nonsense.

"Three years ago we thought if we reduced cattle numbers by say 20% everything would be rosy," said Suckla, "but it didn't work that way—instead, we lost 20% of our market for beef."

That remark caught a lot of attention. Beef cow herds in the Intermountain region have, on the average, increased by 6% to 4.4 million. Suckla noted that "we're not making any money but we've been through that before."

Suckla, who ranches near Cortez with his three sons, went on to say in his retiring speech that the fix cattlemen are in is their own doing. Public demands have changed, he said, but ranchers weren't quick enough to respond.

"We've had some bad publicity on TV and in the press about beef causing disease or being bad for people's health," he said. "Suckla sees a renewed per capita increase in beef consumption ahead—an even greater increase if the percentage of fat in beef is reduced." One thing ranchers have finally realized is that the public won't pay for fat in meat because of tight household budgets. That's one reason hamburger is so popular. You can eat it all."

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By CAROLYN J. HURST

"The cattle business is in a series of frustrations," Bill Ross, NCA Region V vice president from Jordan Valley, Ore., told cattlemen attending the 114th annual Colorado Cattlemen's Assn. (CCA) convention.

"A lot of our frustrations came through changes of philosophy in our government," Ross said. "We in the cattle business are one of the last bastions of the free enterprise system ... we operate solely on the

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IBP, Occidental release details of merger plan

Directors of Occidental Petroleum Corp. and Iowa Beef Processors, Inc., have agreed on definitive details for a merger of the two companies, reports CNS.

The U.S. essentially has a total ban in the import of livestock, fresh meat and dairy products from foot-and-mouth disease countries, an APHIS official told CNS.

USDA said Genetech, San Francisco based firm that cooperated with the government in producing the vaccine, is effective in preventing foot-and-mouth disease.

Until now, 500 million doses of whole virus vaccine are produced and used annually in countries where the disease is found.

However, USDA said the new vaccine will be commercially available.

Although there has not been a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in the U.S. since 1920, the new vaccine

is considered a major breakthrough for the world meat industry.

This breakthrough can mean annual savings of billions of dollars and an increase in the world's supply of meat," Agriculture Secretary John Block said in remarks prepared for delivery in a speech in Sacramento, Calif.

Block said he also considered the vaccine a breakthrough because it is apparently the first production of a vaccine through the use of gene-splicing.

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Under the agreement, 1,323 shares of Occidental common stock would be issued in exchange for each outstanding share of IBP common stock. IBP shareholders also will receive 0.385 of a share of Occidental voting nonconvertible preferred stock with a liquidation value of \$100 per share in exchange for each outstanding share of common stock of IBP.

IBP shareholders also may opt to receive Occidental stock in the form of five-year callable preferred stock with an annual dividend rate of \$14.82 or ten-year callable preferred stock with an annual dividend rate of \$14.00.

The transaction equals approximately \$77.00 per IBP share based on the closing price of Occidental common stock on Friday, May 29.

In addition, either party may cancel the agreement if it is not completed by Sept. 30.

The agreement also allows IBP not to proceed with the transaction if Occidental common stock prices fall below an average \$35 per share for 10 trading days.

High costs force liquidations

During the last 24 months, escalating interest rates and feed costs, and a depressed cash hog market have resulted in huge losses and forced some producers to liquidate hogs and others to cease business, according to hog producers and lenders contacted by CNS.

And who buy the bulk of their feed are in the most serious financial trouble, he said.

Losses throughout the industry on hog operations are running from \$20,000 to \$100,000 per month, he said.

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There are more hog operations in a poor cash position than in any time in recent history, said Henry Wehrman, vice president, Central Iowa Production Credit Assn. Hog operations that are financed 50% or more are under the most financial strain, he said, and

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FSIS reorganization aimed at efficiency



"You said he wouldn't move when I tried to get on him... but this is ridiculous!"

USDA recently announced details of an initial reorganization of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), formerly known as the Food Safety and Quality Service, reports CNS.

FSIS Administrator Donald Houston said the reorganization is designed to make the agency operate more efficiently. The new FSIS will have four major component divisions—technical services, science, operations and administrative management—Houston said.

He said these changes flow naturally from the USDA reorganizations announced earlier and will enable FSIS to streamline its operations. Houston said further consolidation will be

vices and administrative management.

Under the FSIS reorganization plan unveiled recently, the inspection program will be divided into two separate programs—operations and technical services. The functions of the compliance program will be split between the new FSIS divisions, Houston said.

The unit previously known as meat and poultry standards and labeling division will become a part of the new technical services division. The program review branch of the evaluation and enforcement divisions, headquartered in Lawrence, Kan., will become part of a new program audit unit in the Office of the Administrator. Houston also said two

compliance divisions—planning and analysis and regulation and coordination—will be integrated into a single policy of administration.

Each of the four FSIS programs will be headed by a deputy administrator reporting to Houston. Reid Engle will continue as deputy administrator of the science program and Joseph Powers will head the administrative management division, Houston said. Victor Berry, who now heads the meat and poultry inspection program, will take charge of the operations division. Merlin Nelson, now associate deputy administrator for meat and poultry inspection, will head the technical services division, Houston said.

Houston said FSIS will continue to be responsible for assuring the safety and accurate labeling of meat and poultry products sold in interstate and foreign commerce.

The FSQS, formed in 1977 had five major programs: meat and poultry inspection, science, compliance, commodity ser-

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Colo., told the audience of recent action taken by the Corps of Engineers in his county. The Corps, enforcing the 404 provision of the Clean Water Act, classified large tracts of Gunnison County as wetlands, said Spann. Thus, area farmers, ranchers and developers must now apply for a 404 permit before they can dig a ditch, build a house, or pile dirt on their land, Spann said.

Because the penalty for failing to comply with the 404 provision is \$25,000 per day, Spann said land development and construction have virtually come to a halt in the county. Spann urged CCA members to be cognizant of what the Corps is doing in their area and called for their support on two bills currently before the Colorado Legislature which "would fight this activity."

Representatives Chris Paulson and Walter Youngland, both members of the Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources Committee in the Colorado House, cited the need for the state to move ahead on several state water projects currently on the drawing board. Youngland said he feels many federal reclamation projects have slowed the state's progress in the area of water development by 20 years. He added that if Colorado does not act soon, other states will claim the water for their own use.

In his summary of the panel's presentation, penal chairman and president of the Colorado Senate, Fred Anderson, said that while it is true that water runs down hill, "it's also true that it runs to money. The price is getting to the point in many areas of the state where agriculture can't afford to keep its water much longer."

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"It's a real horror story," he added, "and it's not over yet." Spann said that although the law supposedly exempts agricultural practices from the permit requirement, Gunnison County residents have found that "agriculture is

not exempt from the 404 permit system." Ironically, Spann said, many of the area "wetlands" were formed by irrigation.

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